

THE
ADDRESS
OF THE
LORDS
SPIRITUAL and TEMPORAL,
AND
COMMONS
Assembled in
PARLIAMENT,
TO THE
KING'S
MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

Presented by the Right Honourable
The LORD MARQUESS of *HALLIFAX*,
Lord Privy Seal, and Speaker to the House of Lords.
In the *Banqueting-House* at *White-hall*, the Eighth of *March*, 168

WITH
His Majesty's
Most GRATIOUS ANSWER thereunto.

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That the Address of both Houses
Presented to His Majesty this day, and His
Majesty's most Gracious Answer thereunto
be forthwith Printed and Published,

Jo. Browne, Cleric.
Parliamentor.

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Interest in Europe, than for the recovering and maintaining the Civil Rights and Liberties of these Nations, so notoriously invaded and undermined by Popish Counsels and Counsellours, and being likewise fully convinced of the restless Spirits, and the continued Endeavours of Your Majesty's and the Nation's Enemies, for the Extirpation of the Protestant Religion, and the Subversion of our Laws and Liberties, do unanimously declare, That we will stand by and assist Your Majesty with our Lives and Fortunes in supporting Your Alliances abroad, in reducing of Ireland, and in defence of the Protestant Religion and of the Kingdom.



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 MOST GRACIOUS
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 TO THE
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My Lords and Gentlemen,

IF any thing could add to the Esteem and Affection I have for Parliaments, and particularly for this, they would be much increased by the Kindness you shew to me, and the Zeal you express for the Publick Good, in the Address you have made, which in the Manner, as well as the Matter, hath every

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ry thing in it that ought to recommend it to Me.

I will assure you that I will never abuse the Confidence you shall put in me, being fully persuaded, that there is no sure Foundation of a good Agreement between a King and his People, but a mutual Trust; when that is once broken, a Government is half dissolved; it shall therefore be my chief Care never to give any Parliament cause to distrust me: And the best Method I can use for that purpose, is never to expect any thing from them but that which shall be their own Interest to grant.

I came hither for the Good of the Kingdom, and since it is at your desire that I am in this Station, I shall still pursue the same ends that brought me.

God hath been pleased to make me instrumental to redeem you from the Ills you feared, and it is still my Desire, as well as my Duty, to endeavour to preserve your Religion, Laws, and Liberties, which were the only Inducements that brought me into *England*, and to those I ascribe the Blessings that have attended this Undertaking.

When I spoke last to you, I told you of the necessity of Assisting our Allies, and more especially the States of *Holland*, whose readiness to relieve you, at their so great Hazard and Expence,

pence, from the Extremities you lay under, needs no other Arguments to move you to the consideration of it.

As I was then a Witness of their Zeal and Affection to promote the Expedition, and to second my Endeavours even with a Neglect of their own Safety, so I am now sensible of the inevitable ruine they have drawn upon Themselves, by giving you this assistance, if you should not return it to them.

They really exhausted themselves to such a Degree, both as to Men and Money, that it is not easily to be imagined, and I am confident your Generosity will have as little bounds towards them, as theirs had towards you; and that you will not only enable Me to make good the Treaty with them, and repay what they have actually laid out upon this occasion, of which our Account shall be given to you, but that you will farther support them, to the utmost of your Ability, against the Power of their Enemies, who must be yours too, by their Interest, and by their Religion; and do certainly design the Ruine of *Holland* to be a step to your destruction.

I need not take pains to tell you the deplorable condition of *Ireland*, which by the Zeal and Violence of the Popish Party there, and by the assistance and encouragements they have from *France*, is brought to that pass, that it is not

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adviseable to attempt the Reducing it; otherwise than by a very considerable Force; which I think ought not to be less than Twenty Thousand Horse and Foot; which by the Blessing of God, will make the Work shorter, and in consequence, the Charge easier, though the first Expence must of necessity be very great.

You are to consider that towards the more speedy and effectual success in relation to *Ireland*, as well as with a regard to *France*, there must be such a Fleet as may, in Conjunction with the States, make us so entirely Masters of the Sea, that nothing can be sent from *France*, either to *Ireland*, or any where else, that may give disturbance to us, or our Allies.

I must also recommend the Consideration of the Revenue to you, that it may be so Settled, as that it may be Collected without dispute.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

These things will amount to a great Summ, and must of consequence be a present weight upon the People; but considering that neither your Religion, nor your Safety, can probably be secured without these means, I conclude you will think nothing can be too great a price for their preservation. And I will engage my Solemn Word to You, That whatever you shall

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shall give in order to these publick ends, shall be strictly applyed to them ; and that as you so freely offer to hazard all that is dear to you, so I shall as freely expose my Life for the support of the Protestant Religion, and the Safety and Honour of the Nation.

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